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REMARKS

Claims 11-16 are pending. Claims 1-10 have been canceled. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 11, 12, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claims 11 and 15 were said to be indefinite for being unclear as to whether the bottom portion of the mixing tank mentioned in step e) is part of the same tank mentioned earlier in step e). Claims 11 and 15 have been amended to clarify that the bottom portion of the mixing tank is part of the same tank mentioned earlier in step e). Therefore, claims 11 and 15 and their dependents are definite, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions arise, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted.

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